

Poulton-le-Fylde Urban District Council



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THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

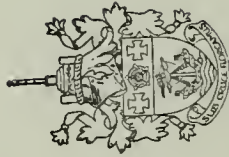
FOR 1964

POULTON-LE-FYLDE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Medical Officer of Health

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1964

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To May, 1964.

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From May, 1964.

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Poulton-le-Fylde.

Mr. Chairman, & Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting the report on the work of the Health Department for the year 1964.

The details are set out quite plainly in the body of the report so any comment covers the outstanding features.

There are no striking variations in the Vital Statistics.

We had the misfortune in the summer again to be faced with Sonne Dysentery sufficient in amount to overwhelm the Departmental staff. I was glad to be in a position to send assistance from the School Clinic.

The major cause of deaths was heart disease in various forms with the malignancies a good second. This, however, is not surprising when 116 of the 173 deaths occurred in people over 65 years old - 146 out of 173 if we take the age group over 55 years old.

As this is the last introductory note to an Annual Report that I shall be writing for you, may I say a sincere thank you to the Chairmen and members of Committee during the ten years I have acted as your Medical Officer of Health, and to those who have been my colleagues in the work of the Health Department. This team has always been a happy one.

Yours faithfully,

C. Robertson Wilson

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

Poulton-le-Fylde is bounded on the North by Thornton-Cleveleys Urban District, on the East and South by the Parishes of Singleton and Hardhorn-with-Newton and on the West by Blackpool County Borough.

The Council of the District is formed by three representatives from each of the following five wards:-

Poulton North	
Poulton East	Hardhorn
Poulton West	Carleton

The District is principally residential in character. Employment is provided by the Imperial Chemical Industries, the building trades, agriculture, and the several light industries on the industrial estates.

Estimated Population for mid 1964	14,670
Population (1961 Census)	12,600
Number of inhabited houses according to the Rate Book at the end of 1964	5,439
Area of the District in Acres	2,272
Rateable Value	£569,675
Sum represented by a penny rate	£2,260

BIRTHS

257 births were registered during the year. 127 males and 130 females. The birth rate was 17.5 per 1,000 population. There were 9 illegitimate births and 4 stillbirths.

Corrected birth rates of recent years were:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>No. of Births</u>
1960	16.2	220
1961	15.4	197
1962	16.5	245
1963	18.7	257
1964	17.5	257

Infantile Mortality Rate

	<u>Poulton-le- Fylde.</u>	<u>Endland & Wales.</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	23.3	20.0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate	15.6	13.8
Stillbirth Rate	22.8	16.61
Maternal Mortality Rate	NIL	0.25

DEATHS

Total	173	Males	89	Females	84
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The crude death rate was 11.8 per 1,000 population.

The adjusted death rate was 11.9 per 1,000 population.
(Comparability Factor 1.0)

Deaths and Death Rates of Recent Years

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
1960	14.8	152
1961	15.3	159
1962	17.7	187
1963	12.5	176
1964	11.9	173

Age Groups

The table shows the arrangements of deaths in the age groups.

Age Group	Males	Females	Total
Under 1 year	4	2	6
1 - 5	-	-	-
6 - 15	-	1	1
16 - 25	2	2	4
26 - 35	-	-	-
36 - 45	3	3	6
46 - 55	7	3	10
56 - 65	20	10	30
66 - 75	22	29	51
76 - 85	31	34	65
Total	89	84	173

CAUSES OF DEATH

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total	Total % of deaths
Other infective & parasitic diseases	1	-	1	0.56
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other forms	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	7	-	7	4.04
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	3	3	1.73
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-	-
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	4	12	16	9.26
Leukaemia, aleukaemia				
Diabetes	1	-	1	0.56
Vascular lesions of nervous system	15	15	30	17.38
Coronary disease, angina	26	15	41	23.74
Hypertension with heart disease	1	3	4	2.31
Other circulatory diseases	3	2	5	2.89
Other heart diseases	9	6	15	8.69
Influenza	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1	1	0.56
Bronchitis	6	3	9	5.21
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	2	3	1.73
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	2	-	2	1.14
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-	2	1.14
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	1	2	3	1.73
Other defined & ill defined diseases	5	14	19	11.01
Congenital Malformations	2	1	3	1.73
Suicide	1	1	2	1.14
Motor Vehicle accidents	1	-	1	0.56
All other accidents	1	4	5	2.89
Homicide	-	-	-	-
Total	89	84	173	100.00

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

219 cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year as follows:-

Scarlet Fever: 16 cases were notified. There were 4 cases in 1963.

Whooping Cough: 28 cases were notified. None the previous year.

Acute Poliomyelitis: No cases were notified. None the previous year.

Measles: There were 72 cases during 1964. 347 cases the previous year. A comparison of the following figures will show the incidence of the disease in the foregoing ten years.

1954	104 cases	1959	155 cases
1955	48 cases	1960	36 cases
1956	9 cases	1961	72 cases
1957	240 cases	1962	242 cases
1958	N O N E	1963	347 cases
	1964	72 cases	

Diphtheria: No cases were notified. None the previous year.

Dysentery: 96 cases were notified.

The majority of cases occurred during outbreaks at two schools, one in Poulton-le-Fylde and the other in the Fylde Rural District.

The larger of the two epidemics affecting a local school was the cause of a great deal of extra work, in making enquiries, collecting specimens, recording and visiting, and the Department was once again incapable of dealing with the outbreak, even by working out of hours, and it was necessary to arrange for Health Visitors from the Clinic to assist, this was greatly appreciated.

Total numbers of specimens collected. 1241
Number of visits made. 1389

Acute Pneumonia: No cases were notified. None the previous year.

Tuberculosis: There were 4 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified during the year. 1 case of non-pulmonary.

At the close of 1964, there were 26 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, and 2 cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis on the register.

The Regional Hospital Board is responsible mainly for the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis and the County Council for the prevention and control of the disease.

A Tuberculosis Health Visitor is employed by the County Council and based on the Poulton-le-Fylde Clinic. Hospital and Chest Clinic Facilities are provided by the Blackpool and Fylde Hospital Management Committee.

Erysipelas: No cases were notified. 1 case the previous year.

CONTROL OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

A thorough investigation is made on the occurrence of a case of notifiable disease, and where necessary specimens of faeces or vomit are collected and forwarded to the Laboratory for analysis.

Disinfectant fluid is issued to cases of infectious diseases; and terminal disinfection by fumigation is carried out, when necessary.

Infectious Disease Visits	1450
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TABLE OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1964

Notifiable Diseases	Total Cases at all Ages	Age Periods - Years									Over 25	Age Unknown
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-25			
Scarlet Fever	16	-	1	1	2	2	9	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough:	28	1	1	2	3	2	17	2	-	-	-	-
Measles	72	1	3	7	16	7	36	1	-	-	1	-
Sonne Dysentery	96	1	5	3	2	8	52	7	-	18	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Salmonella	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

Number	257
Rate per 1,000 population	17.5
Illegitimate live births as a per cent of the total live births	3.5

STILLBIRTHS

Number	6
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	22.8
Total live and stillbirths	263

INFANT DEATHS (DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR)

Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	23.3
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births (there were 13 deaths out of 248 legitimate live births)	52.4
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	111.1

Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)	38.0
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Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	15.6
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	15.6

MATERNAL MORTALITY (INCLUDING ABORTION)

Number of Deaths	NIL
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	NIL

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The Lancashire County Council administers the ambulance service.

The nearest ambulance station is at Thornton and ambulances for Poulton-le-Fylde are obtained from this station or from Fleetwood.

At Thornton two dual purpose ambulance vehicles and two cars are on call; an ambulance and car are available at Fleetwood.

The service is maintained on a 24 hour basis at Fleetwood, and a 16 hour basis at Thornton.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 - SECTION 47

There were no applications for removal during 1964.

HOSPITALS

There is no hospital situated in the District.

General cases are admitted to Blackpool Victoria and Wesham Park Hospitals, of the Blackpool and Fylde Hospital Management Committee, and the Preston Royal Infirmary of the Preston and Chorley Hospital Management Committee.

The Devonshire Road Hospital, Blackpool, is used for infectious disease cases; tuberculosis cases use the Elswick Sanatorium, and smallpox cases go to the Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital near Bury, which is under the management of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Facilities for the examination of material in suspected cases of Diphtheria, Dysentery, Typhoid Fever, Tuberculosis, Food Poisoning, etc., are available to all Medical Practitioners, at the Public Health Laboratory, Preston, Blackpool Victoria Hospital and Elswick Sanatorium.

MEDICAL STAFF OF THE CLINIC

Dr. O. A. PROSSER

Assistant Divisional Medical
Officer, Lancashire County
Council.

To June 30th, 1964.

Dr. J. L. T. GRAHAM

Assistant Divisional Medical
Officer, Lancashire County
Council.

From November 1st, 1964.

Mrs. R. BEVAN

Health Visitor and School Nurse.

Miss L. GILBERT

Health Visitor and School Nurse.

Miss D. HIGHAM

Health Visitor and School Nurse.

Miss P. WORDEN

Health Visitor and School Nurse.

Mrs. K. WYNNARD

Health Visitor and School Nurse.

Mrs. J. H. MALLANDAINE,
30, Moorway,
Poulton-le-Fylde.
Tel: 3528.

Midwife.

Mrs. R. A. RONSON
18, Fylde Road,
Poulton-le-Fylde.
Tel: 2529.

District Nurse.

Miss M. BESWICK,
27, Wembley Avenue,
Poulton-le-Fylde.
Tel: 2986.

District Nurse.

Miss M. W. LAWSON

Tuberculosis Health Visitor.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE IN POULTON-LE-FYLDE

The School and Child Welfare Clinic in Princess Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde provides the following services at the times shown.

Clinic

Times

Antenatal	Tuesday from 1.30 p.m.
Antenatal Relaxation Classes	Alternate Fridays 10.45 a.m.
Child Welfare	Wednesday 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 4.30 p.m.
Chiropody	Monday 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon and 1. 30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Old Age Pensioners Only	Thursday 1. 30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Alternate Fridays 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon.
Dental	Monday 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon and 2.- 4.30 p.m. Thursday 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 4.30 p.m.
School Clinic by Appointment	Thursday 10 a.m. - 12 noon.
Speech Therapy	Tuesday 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Thursday 2 - 4.p.m.

In addition on alternate Monday afternoons a Child Welfare Clinic is held between 2 - 4 p.m., at the Carleton Memorial Centre.

WATER SUPPLY

The Fylde Water Board, of which Poulton-le-Fylde is a constituent authority, provides a plentiful and excellent supply of water from their gathering grounds at Grisedale and Stocks.

During 1964 new connections were made to 246 new houses and bungalows from public mains supply.

A total of 5,491 houses was supplied from public mains at the end of the year.

Sampling

18 samples of tap water were taken, for examination at the Public Health Laboratory, these were obtained from various addresses about the town.

17 of the samples were satisfactory. 1 unsatisfactory.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

The standard of housing in the town is good, the district having a high proportion of new properties. A number of the older houses are unfit and will require attention under the Housing Acts.

The majority of minor housing defects discovered were remedied by informal action.

Private Building

During the year 246 houses were erected and more families from outside areas became resident in Poulton-le-Fylde.

DWELLINGS ERECTED DURING 1964

WARDS

NORTH			EAST			WEST			CARLETON			HARDHORN			TOTAL
H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.	
-	-	4	-	2	8	33	3	14	1	-	22	25	1	133	246

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

Sewage continued to be discharged into the River

Wyre on the Ebb Tide.

Readings of the flow of sewage passing through the pumping station, were taken on a continuous recorder.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

<u>Population</u>	14,670 an increase of 640 on the population figure for 1963.
<u>Births</u>	257 births registered.
Birth Rate	17.5 per 1,000 population.
Average England and Wales	18.4 per 1,000 population.
<u>Deaths</u>	173 deaths registered.
Death Rate	11.8 per 1,000 population.
Average England and Wales	11.9 per 1,000 population.
<u>Infectious Diseases</u>	219 cases of infectious diseases were notified.
<u>Housing</u>	246 new houses, flats and bungalows erected.
<u>Water Supply</u>	18 samples obtained.
<u>Sewerage</u>	Readings of the flow of sewage discharged into the River Wyre were taken.

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Mr. Chairman, & Gentlemen,

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector for 1964.

There were several outstanding matters of note, which are referred to in this introduction to the Report, each a cause of additional work, and all taking up time which would have been devoted to routine public health.

Two outbreaks of Dysentery occurred having cases principally in two Schools, the work of visiting homes and collecting specimens from carriers and suspects, again proved to be too great a task, even with the staff working overtime, and the Health Visiting Staff of the School Clinic gave valuable assistance which was a factor in limiting the number of cases. Co-operation between the staff, members of the public, medical practitioners, and school staffs was excellent.

The new Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1964 came into operation during the year, and forms of registration were received from 107 businesses: the information received has now to be transferred to the register, and visiting of the premises undertaken. Regulations covering various sections of the Act, also came into force. This Act will result in much extra work when the provisions are applied.

In common with other towns and villages in Great Britain the serious Typhoid epidemic in Scotland had its repercussions in Poulton-le-Fylde, and on advice from the Ministry of Health, stocks of corned beef were traced and checked, at all food premises in the area - the few tins in stock, from the packing stations at risk, were removed from sale. Further visits had to be made following this first check, to inspect stocks of tongue.

Inspections of canned foods increased during 1964 and a t 15 cwts condemned, this is the busiest year recorded.

As will be seen the Report of the Medical Officer is the last before he concludes his Local Government service, and I have great pleasure in wishing Dr. Wilson a long and very happy retirement.

Thank you Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Committee, for your interest and support during a busy year, and I have to thank Miss Ann Jolly, the Health Department Assistant, for her willing help, in particular during those periods when we had to put in extra time.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Lofthouse

Public Health Inspector.

I N S P E C T I O N O F T H E D I S T R I C T

SANITARY INSPECTIONS

3,252 visits were made to 455 premises during 1964.

2 defects were discovered and 2 abated: it was necessary to serve 1 informal notice, and 3 formal notices.

PRIVATE SEWER REPAIR

A collapsed private sewer serving 3 houses in the District was a cause of serious nuisance. The Council found it necessary to serve legal notices on the 3 owners concerned, and following their failure to carry out the work, arrange for the repair to be done.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

The following list shows the numbers and types of the various sanitary arrangements in the District at the 31st December, 1964 and those for the previous year.

	1963	1964
Water Closets	5621	5865
Pail Closets	3	3
Privies	4	4
Movable Dustbins	5491	5940
Waste Water Closets	N I L	N I L

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The cleansing service is under the control of the Engineer & Surveyor who supplied the following information.

Collection of Refuse

This was effected by means of 2 covered vehicles, one working full-time, 42 hours, and the other approximately 40 hours per week. A weekly collection of refuse was undertaken. A new vehicle was purchase in November to provide a more efficient and hygienic service.

Disposal

Domestic refuse was deposited on an area of re-claimed land behind an embankment at Skippool Marsh. During 1964 approximately 5,940 dustbins were emptied every week.

Details of Service

Total number of bins emptied	308,937
Weight of refuse collected	5,795 tons
Cost of collection and disposal	£11,760
Weight of salvage sold	166 tons
Value	£1,178
Cost of Baling	£908

Road Sweeping

The Council's workmen swept approximately 1,650 miles of highway during the year. A mechanical sweeper (suction cleaner) was in operation.

RODENT AND INSECT PESTS

One trained operative is employed, part-time on the eradication of rats and mice; various methods are used and such poisons as zinc phosphide, arsenic and warfarin are available for use.

INSPECTIONS AND TREATMENTS UNDERTAKEN

Type of Premises	Number of Inspections	Number of Treatment Visits
Dwelling Houses	79	203
Business Premises	55	72
Local Authority Property	4	26
Agricultural Property	29	24
Total	167	325

DISINFESTATION

The infestations dealt with during the year were for cockroaches, flies, fleas, ants and wasps.

B.D.T. in liquid, powder or smoke form were all used with good results and follow up treatments were not found to be necessary.

DISINFESTATION VISITS (INSECT PESTS)

Number of houses found to be infested	32
Number of houses disinfested	32

COUNCIL HOUSES

Lettings

During 1964 the following allocations were made by the Housing Sub Committee.

14 houses	2 bungalows
4 flats	2 flatlets

The Committee also agreed to established tenants transferring to other Council premises in 6 cases.

Register of Applications

49 new applications were made for housing during 1964. At the 31st December, 1964 the total number of applications made for Council accommodation was as follows:-

3 bedroom houses	8 applications
2 bedroom houses	47 applications
flatlets	51 applications
bungalows	18 applications
Total	124

In addition a total of 48 applications have been received from persons residing outside the Poulton-le-Fylde area, 19 forms were completed during the year from new applicants.

SPECIAL HOUSING FOR THE AGED

A scheme of 24 one bedroom flats was in course of erection during the year. The 12 ground floor dwellings are being provided for elderly people in conjunction with the Lancashire County Council, and are to be in the care of a warden, these will be linked by telephone to the wardens flat for use in emergency. The remaining 11 flats are to be used for elderly people not eligible for the County Scheme.

IMPROVEMENT TO DWELLINGS

The Housing Committee dealt with 36 application from tenants, for the removal of out-dated back-to-back ovens, these resulted in improved combustion on living room fire grates, the abatement of nuisances from soot and smoke, and better supplies of hotter water.

REPAIRS

General repair work, both inside and out, was undertaken as a special measure, arising from a survey of dwellings, whilst day to day maintenance continued to be carried out.

GARDENS

As an encouragement to tenants to cultivate their gardens, the Housing Committee held a gardening competition during July, cash prizes were awarded for those judged to be the best, and a shield to the 1st prize winner.

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected by private contractors during the year.	246
Number of houses erected by Local Authority	NIL

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES

(a)	Total number of dwellings inspected.	22
(b)	Number of inspections made.	61
(c)	Number of dwellings in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	12
(d)	Total number of dwellings existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which -	
(i)	Demolition Orders have been made.	2
(ii)	Demolition or Closing Orders have not yet been made.	13

2. HOUSES DEMOLISHED OR CLOSED

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year.	
		Persons	Families
<u>In clearance areas</u>			
(a) Houses unfit for habitation.	7	3	1
(b) Houses included for bad arrangement.	-	-	-
<u>Not in clearance areas</u>			
(c) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec.17.Housing Act, 1957.	3	1	1
	Houses Closed		
Houses closed under Housing Act, Sec. 16(4), 17(1) & 35(1)	-	4	2

3. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

- (a) After informal action by Local Authority. 3
 (b) After formal notice under Public Health Acts. 1

4. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT

	No. of houses	No. of occupants in houses
Houses in clearance areas	-	-

5. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Action during year	No. Schemes	No. Houses affected
(a) Submitted by Private individuals to Local Authority.	2	2
(b) Approved by Local Authority.	2	2
(c) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry.	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Ministry.	-	-
(e) Work Completed.	1	1

6. STANDARD GRANTS

Action during year	No. Schemes	No. Houses affected
(a) Submitted to Local Authority.	6	6
(b) Approved by Local Authority.	5	5
(c) Work completed.	4	4

7. CERTIFICATE OF DISREPAIR

Number of applications made	N I L
Number of Certificates issued	N I L
Applications made for the Cancellation of Certificates	N I L
Number of undertakings given to carry out work.	N I L

HOUSING INSPECTIONS

Certificates of Disrepair	N I L
Improvement Grants	51
Demolition Orders	10
Closing Orders	N I L
Housing Visits	89
Council House Visits	30

CAMPING SITES

8 sites were used for camping purposes, housing an estimated maximum number of 600 persons in 211 caravans and tents, of these 8 sites 3 were licensed by the Council and were subject to licensing conditions.

Inspections of Caravan Sites	10
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PADDLING POOL

During the year the childrens' paddling pool in the Jean Stansfield Memorial Park was in use.

A sterilizing agent was added to the water each time the pool was emptied and refilled, and samples were taken to check the cleanliness.

40 samples were taken, 16 were found to be satisfactory and 24 unsatisfactory.

MEAT INSPECTION

The two private slaughterhouses were in use during the year. It was necessary during 1964, to carry out meat inspection duties in the evenings on Saturdays and Sundays.

The number of animals inspected from the date of decontrol is shown.

Year	No. of animals killed and inspected
1954	1693
1955	3154
1956	6482
1957	6857
1958	7039
1959	7462
1960	8509
1961	10292
1962	10164
1963	8136
1964	8038

Under the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963, the Council are empowered to make a charge for the Meat Inspection Service, and for 1964 a sum of £285 - 5s. - 6d., was received.

Slaughterhouse Visits	961
Number of animals slaughtered and inspected	8038
Weight of meat rejected as unfit	2 tons 8 cwt 2 qrs 13 lbs

SLAUGHTERING LICENSES

At the 31st December, 1964, 7 licenses had been issued by the Council enabling their holders to slaughter animals.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Calves	Total
No. of animals killed and inspected	373	152	4929	2548	37	8038
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole Carcases Condemned	-	1	4	11	2	18
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	33	53	71	391	1	549
Percentage of No. inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis or cysticerci	8.8%	35.5%	1.5%	15.7%	8.1%	7.05%
<u>Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole Carcases Condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	1	-	1
Percentage of No. inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	0.03%		0.01%
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

The new Act requiring the registration of premises used for the boarding of animals was applied to two establishments.

One is used for dogs and cats, and the other for cats only. Both premises comply with the Council's requirements and the animals receive good individual attention. Hygiene is good.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1964

Under the terms of this new legislation and the Notification of Employment of Persons Order, 1964, 107 premises were registered, in respect of 392 persons, for the following types of premises.

Offices	20
Retail Shops	84
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	2
Fuel storage depots	NIL

The information received has to be included in the Council's register, and all these premises inspected to see that the various provisions and regulations made under the Act are complied with.

Offices used in connection with Factory premises are the responsibility of the District Factory Inspector.

FOOD PREMISES VISITED

Ice-Cream Manufacturers	2
Fried Fish Shops	-
Butchers Shop	1
Grocers Shops	18
Ice-Cream Retailers	10

REGISTRATION

1 food shop was registered during the year for the sale and storage of ice-cream.

The total number of registered premises was:-

5 Fried Fish Shops
7 Preserved Food Businesses
1 Ice-cream Manufacturers
37 Ice-cream retailers

FOOD INSPECTIONS

Food surrendered by retail shops as unfit, was collected by the Department for disposal, the following list shows the amount and weight.

The reasons for rejection were various, being principally decomposition, mould growths, or blown, pierced or leaking tins.

The tins were taken to the Council's tip, and buried beneath domestic refuse.

Number of tins	Articles	lbs.	ozs.
23	peaches	28	5
31	pineapples	30	2
13	pears	15	1
47	apricots	47	4
6	oranges	4	2
1	plums	1	4
2	blackcurrants	1	4½
1	rhubarb	1	3
1	gooseberries	1	4
1	raspberries		13½
11	grapefruit	11	2
9	fruit salad	8	7
1	fruit cocktail	1	1
2	prunes	1	15
2	strawberries	1	8½
3	creamed puddings	2	15½
1	almonds		4
63	tomatoes	66	9
2	soup	1	14¾
8	baked beans	8	4
6	peas	9	3½
3	carrots	2	13
1	asparagus		10
1	mixed vegetables		4¾
3	pilchards	2	0
1	crab		3½
3	shrimps		6¾
1	tuna fish		6½
2	salmon		15¼
4	tongue	3	0
3	spreads		5¼
1	corned beef	6	0
4	pork luncheon meat	2	6
9	stewed steak	8	13½
3	lambs liver	11	5
2	chopped ham		14
2	ham	17	8
1	steak & kidney pudding		15½
2	beef steak		15
		303	12¾

SAMPLING

The Food and Drugs Authority for the Poulton-le-Fylde area is the Lancashire County Council, and the following information has been kindly supplied by Dr. S. C. Gawne, the County Medical Officer of Health.

A total of 70 samples was obtained, consisting of 38 samples of milk (4 of which were Channel Islands milk) and 32 others comprising:-

1 Boric acid powder B.P.	1 Dried fruit - mixed
1 Brown sugar	2 Blackcurrant drinks
1 Extra strong seidlitz powders B.P.C.	1 Concentrated ginger
1 Gin	1 Rum
1 Brandy	3 Whisky
1 Ice-cream	1 Double cream
1 Borax B.P.	1 Almond oil B.P.
1 Horseraddish sauce	1 Part loaf of bread
1 Self-raising flour	1 Margarine
1 Tea	1 Fruit, dried - raisins
1 Baking powder	1 Mincemeat
1 Fruit, dried - bilberries	1 Beef suet
1 Milk, condensed, skimmed, sweetened	1 Table jelly
1 Christmas pudding	

The County Analyst gave adverse reports on the following samples:-

Type of samples	Result of Analysis	Action taken
1 Seidlitz powders extra strong, B.P.C.	Labelled "Extra Strong Seidlitz Powders B.P.C." Extra strong seidlitz powders not officially in B.P.C. 1963.	Manufacturer communicated with.
1 Informal milk	Fat 2.75% deficient 8.3% Fat.	Farmer notified.
1 Part loaf of bread	Contained 20 little balls of dough weighing altogether 51 mgms., and containing 3 mgms., of mineral oil and slightly stained with 0.51 mgms., of iron.	Complainant informed bakery cautioned.

MILK SUPPLY

There were 23 distributors of milk registered by the Council at the end of 1964: and they operated from the following premises:-

Dairies in the District 4

Shops in the District 19

The Lancashire County Council are now the responsible Authority for the issue of Licenses to sell Designated milk, this duty having been transferred from the Urban District Council.

MILK SAMPLING

67 samples of milk were obtained, locally, during the year, the following table shows the results:-

	Total	Positive	Negative	No result
Results	32			
(a) Tuberculosis		-	32	-
(b) Brucellosis - Ring test		9	21	2
(c) Brucellosis - Culture test		5	2	2
(d) Brucellosis - Biological test		-	-	-

	Total	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
(a) Methylene Blue Test	23	9	14
Heat Treated Milk			
(b) Methylene Blue Test	30	28	2
(c) Phosphatase Test		-	-
(d) Turbidity Test	5	5	-

Where samples of milk fail to pass the statutory tests, the matter is taken up with the producer or dairy and repeat samples obtained.

In the event of the producer being in another District, the result is passed on to the Public Health Officer for that area, and to the Area Milk Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, who are able to sample at the source.

SHOP INSPECTIONS

6 inspections were made under the Shops Acts; informal action only was necessary to remedy contraventions.

FACTORIES INSPECTIONS

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of written notices
Factories, in which Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	961 (Slaughterhouse) visits	-
Factories not included in the above in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities.	51	3	-
Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	13	-	-
Total	66	964	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Found	Remedied	To. H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	No. of Prosec.
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
<u>SANITARY CONVENIENCES</u>					
(a) Insufficient	-	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1	-	-	-

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Housing Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
Housing Inspections (Improvement Grants)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Housing Inspections (Demolition Orders)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Visits to Applicants for Council accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Visits to Council houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Visits re Untidy Gardens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Slaughterhouse Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	961
Food Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Butcher's Shop Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cafe Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Milk Samples Taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67
Water Samples Taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Ice-Cream Samples Taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Paddling Pool Samples Taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Visits re Milk Samples	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Complaints investigated and Visits made in connection therewith	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	116
Revisits to premises previously inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	119
Drainage Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Drain Tests	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Visits to Private Sewer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Disinfestation Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Piggery Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Farm Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Poultry Farms Visited	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Disinfection Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Shop Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Factory Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Visits to Public House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Visits to Tip	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Visits to Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Watercourse Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Visits to Caravans sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Welfare Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Rodent Control Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Animal Boarding Establishments Visited	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Pet Shop Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Visits re Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Visits re Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	138
Visits re Typhoid	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Visits re Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
School Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Canteen Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1450

